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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joy Beebe has been named one of two 2005 Women of Achievement by the Danville branch of the American Association of University Women, an award given in celebration of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beebe is a longtime District 118 music teacher and activist in the fine arts and the Fischer Theater effort, and her experience with teaching music spans more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, She holds a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington and a master's degree of music education and administration from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Her journey in music education started in Gilman and Mazon and in rural Grundy County, where she taught elementary and high school music; she arrived in Danville's District 118 in 1969 as a vocal coordinator at the elementary and middle school levels; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beebe continued teaching elementary general music and served as elementary choral director, first at Elmwood School for one year and then at Meade Park for more than 30 years, before retiring last June; she used the ORFF method for teaching music, named for the German music educator and composer, Carl Orff; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Beebe conducted music festivals, is an organist and choir director at the Danville United Church of Christ, and gives private music lessons; she belongs to the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a women's educational society, and has served as the society's music chair and director of choir and music at the group's

1 conventions for the last six years; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beebe also enjoys helping her husband, Jim,
3 with the behind-the-scenes details of his Fischer Theater
4 productions; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Joy Beebe on being named one of two 2005 Women
8 of Achievement by the Danville branch of the American
9 Association of University Women; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Mrs. Beebe as an expression of our respect and
12 esteem for her many years of educational service.